

REMARKS

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2, 5-11, 14, 15, and new claims 22-26, without traverse. Non-elected claims 16-21 have been cancelled.

As described at 0001, this application claims priority to 09/061,318, filed April 16, 1998. The claims have been amended so that all claims are now fully supported by the disclosure in 09/061,318 (which disclosure is the same as in Divisional/U.S. Patent No. 6,701,941). Specifically, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 3, 4, 12, and 13 have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended at 0039, wherein the last sentence is incorporated by reference from 08/853,649, now U.S. Patent No. 6,240,933, at column 4, lines 56-67. New claim 22 is supported in part by the addition to 0039. No new matter has been added. All pending claims have an effective filing date of April 16, 1998, or earlier.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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